

# Cotton Producers of Missouri

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Mr. Rick:

I am writing on behalf of the Cotton Producers of Missouri in response to your recent request for comments about producer satisfaction with the 1990 amendments to our nation's Cotton Research and Promotion Act and Order (reference docket number CN-01-002). To say that the United States' cotton industry needs and depends on Cotton Incorporated would simply be a huge understatement.


The validating research annually provided by Cotton Incorporated guides the efforts of Missouri's cotton producers throughout each growing season. I must also recognize the vast amount of applicable farming technology that has come to fruition through the efforts of Cotton Incorporated.

Although these may be difficult times for the cotton industry, I shudder to think where we might be if consumer demand for our fiber mirrored consumer demands of the 1970's, before Cotton Incorporated turned it around. Facts don't lie.

Every commodity program has a few disgruntled detractors. I'm sure that you will weigh the comments you receive and make the correct choice to maintain the current amendments.

The Cotton Producers of Missouri wish you the best as you continue to guide our nation's agricultural system toward more prosperous times. With Cotton Incorporated on our side, those times will, I'm sure, appear soon.

Sincerely,

  
Steve Droke, President  
Cotton Producers of Missouri

